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Suspected Taxicab Carjacker Charged

The man suspected of carjacking a taxicab near LAX and leading police on a wild, two-hour chase around South Los Angeles was charged today with that incident along with three similar crimes, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Derrick Bogar (dob 9/7/78) is scheduled to be arraigned sometime after 1:30 p.m. at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA435667. He is being held on \$1.2 million bail, said Deputy District Attorney Allyson Kimmel Sudar who filed the case.

Bogar is charged with three separate carjacking incidents, including the one on Friday. That incident began about 1:30 p.m. when a cab driver parked at a hotel on 9620 Airport Blvd. was carjacked and robbed. Before the driver managed to escape, Bogar allegedly forced him to smoke a cigarette that was laced with a drug.

Bogar was arrested later that day after LAPD SWAT officers stopped the car.

He also is charged with carjacking two different cabs parked at LAX, one on April 7 and one on April 8. Bogar is charged with robbing each driver and robbing a fourth cab driver about 1 a.m. on April 7 at a hotel near LAX.

Bogar is charged with one count of kidnapping for robbery, three counts of carjacking, four counts of first-degree robbery of a transit operator, one count of evading police and two counts of administering a drug.

If convicted as charged, Bogar faces a maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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